

HOUSE BILL 3936
By Maddox

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3,
Chapter 6, Part 3, and Chapter No. ___ of the
Public Acts of 2006 (SB 7001 / HB 7001), relative
to lobbyists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter No. ___ of the Public Acts of 2006 (SB 7001 / HB 7001) is amended by designating the language of SECTION 35, § 3-6-304(j), as subdivision (1) and by adding the following new language, to be designated as subdivision (2):

(2) If the provisions of subdivision (1) are declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction and if such determination becomes final, then the language of subdivision (1) is repealed and deleted and the following provisions shall take effect:

No lobbyist shall offer or make any campaign contribution, including any in-kind contribution, to or on behalf of the governor or any member of the general assembly or any candidate for the office of governor, state senator or state representative. However, a lobbyist may offer or make a campaign contribution to or on behalf of the state senator for the senatorial district in which the lobbyist is a qualified voter, or the state representative for the representative district in which the lobbyist is a qualified voter, or a candidate for the office of state senator for the senatorial district in which the lobbyist is a qualified voter, or a candidate for the office of state representative for the representative district in which the lobbyist is a qualified voter. A lobbyist is not prohibited from offering or making a contribution to or on behalf of any political party or organization, unless the contribution is knowingly offered or made by the lobbyist to circumvent the prohibitions set forth in this subdivision.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.